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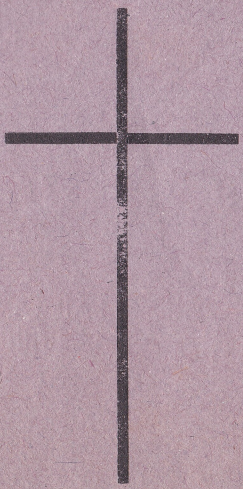

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THE MESSENGER

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In This issue:

--- Littleborough members to take a trip across the water.

--- St. Stephen's Choir rocking in the aisles.

--- Bequests to both churches

--- A bevy of Baptisms.

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All news items etc., for September publication should be in the hands of the Editor by:

16th AUGUST 1970

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Dear Friends,

This is the 'IN' age! You know what I mean: "Sit-IN" - "Sign-IN" - "Teach-IN" - "Love-IN" "Laugh-IN" - "Starve-IN" - and to cap the lot, we've got an Ox-Fam "Kit-IN" in Falinge Park! Added to all this we have a complex about having to be "WITH IT' and proving to others as well as to ourselves that we are not out-dated.

Not many people would say that Christianity is an 'In' religion. Most of the criticisms levelled against the church are that she is anything but 'IN'. She has been called the 'National Society for the Preservation of the Past (NSPP),' as well as 'The Tory Party at Prayer.' All this criticism has led to a state of affairs where the Church finds herself undergoing strict examination. The future of Christian witness relies on how she comes out of all this. If it makes her into an 'In' looking church, then the future may be far from bright. If she concentrates on being on OUTward looking group of people, then there is at least a chance that the vital work of the gospel will be done.

The church's history began with the announcement that Jesus Christ, being raised from the dead, had shattered the ordinary person's view of life. Things which had been taken for granted, were now open to questioning. This unique announcement made current thought and opinion outdated and archaic. When Christ walked this earth, it may have been the 'IN' thing to follow him. But like many IN things, many followed, not knowing the reason why, and many followed only to turn back when the demands became too great. Nothing has changed since then, except that the crowds who followed not knowing why, don't follow at all.

Our task is to be realistic about our position, and under no misapprehensions about this age. Christians have faced unbelievable odds and have come out victorious. The Church will never be 'IN' as other things are 'IN'. She never has been. But, we as her poeple, can be with it in the sense of

knowing what we are here for and what needs to be done. Remember Jesus Christ gave the world no creed, no orthodoxy, no programme, and very few precepts. What he gave to his disciples, the inheritors of his kingdom, was far more important than any of these. He gave them HIMSELF.

Yours sincerely,

Glyn Jenkins

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IN MEMORIAM

NORMAN SETTLE, of 2 Whitfield View, Newhey, aged 71, who passed away suddenly on 21st June 1970. The service was conducted by the minister on Thursday 25th June. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Settle and all the relatives.

JOHN MILLINGTON of 2 Moorland Ave, Milnrow, who died at home on Friday 3rd July 1970, aged 59. The minister conducted the service on Tuesday 7th July. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Millington and the family.

******With Churches all over Lancashire, the members and friends of Milnrow and Littleborough Congregational Churches associate themselves with the grief and sadness of the relatives of all who died in the air tragedy on Friday July 3rd 1970. The news shocked all who made their way back from their Wakes Weeks' Holiday. A Memorial Service was held in St. Stephen's on Sunday July 5th. **********

HOLY MATRIMONY

Mr. Geoffrey Leach to Mrs. Phyllis Doris Hatcher at LITTLEBOROUGH Congregational Church on Saturday 13th June 1970,, the Revd. G. Jenkins officiating.

Mr. David Wynne to Miss June Cryer at St. Stephen's Congregational Church, MILNROW, on Saturday 25th July, our minister officiating.

Congratulations and good wishes.

BIRTH - On 14th July at Birch Hill to Mr. & Mrs. Barry Lucas of 16 Egremont Road, Milnrow, a daughter GILLIAN DAWN....Congratulations & good luck!

HOLY BAPTISM: at LITTLEBOROUGH
on Sunday June 14th 1970, the minister officiating

AMANDA HOLT, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Holt of 75 Victoria street.

JULIE RUSHWORTH, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. Rushworth of 2 Chapelhill.

ALISON SYLVIA GRINDROD, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. F. Grindrod of 40 Ealees Road.

at MILNROW

RUTH BRONWEN JENKINS, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Glyn Jenkins. Service conducted by the Rev. R.L. Jenkins of Thornton on Sunday June 7th 1970.

JONATHAN PETER ROYLE, son of Counc. and Mrs. I. Royle of 24 Ladyhouse Close, Milnrow, baptised on Sunday 21st June 1970, our minister officiating.

GILLIAN LYNNE COOK, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R. Cooke, 30 Lea view, Royley Park Estate, Royton, baptised on 21st June, our minister officiating.

WAYNE SCHOFIELD, son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Schofield, 3 Holt Street, Milnrow, baptised on July 5th, our minister officiating.

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GIFT IN MEMORY OF MRS. SUSANNAH TAYLOR

The Deacons and members of St. Stephen's are very pleased to acknowledge a gift of £200 given by Mr. A. Taylor, in memory of his wife Susannah, who was a loyal and generous member of the church.

MICHAELMAS MARKET -

Goods can be purchased from the following shops:-

Drapery & Shoes ... ... Newhey Co-op.

Hardware ... ... .Ernest Butterworth

Cosmetics .. .. (to be confirmed)

Baby Linen, etc. ... ... 'Little Mod' (Irene's)

Electrical Goods, Toys, etc..... ... ... Prowes'

SUSPENDED CEILINGS & MOBILE KITCHENS

The gift from Mr. Taylor has in effect paid for the new suspended ceiling which has made a vast difference to the internal decor of the schoolroom. It is modernisation in the true sense of the word. One plan, however, has been changed; the kitchen will now be in the schoolroom along the wall furthest from the stage. The Editor, however, refuses to draw a sketch plan to illustrate this in view of the fact that his last effort has now been thrown in the waste paper bin, (where, no doubt, it probably belonged.)

Don't forget that the Modernisation Fund Treasurer is Mr. Alec Rae, 31 St. James St., Milnrow. He will be pleased to supply you with a 3d bit collecting container. Every 'bit' helps.

CHOIR RAVE-UP

As her first official duty, the new choir mistress, Mrs. A. Scaddon took her choristers and a chorus of tone-deaf hangers-on to Blackpool to absorb the sweet melodies of The Tommy Steele Show.
Most of us liked the homespun naivety of Mary Hopkins, but T.S. drove a wedge in the "Generation Gap" with a hysterical finale crudely reminiscent of a revivalist meeting without religion. What a pity that such a talented man, and one who has done a lot to revive the old music hall songs, should offend the "older end" in this way.

GOING DUTCH

Our own Mrs. Audrey Scaddon, the well known Deacon, musical director and raconteur was the speaker at the LADIES GUILD on 2nd June. Mrs. Scaddon, who has made several visits to Holland spoke about the Dutch, their eating habits, their customs and festivities. Her talk was illustrated with various gifts and craftwork which she had brought back.

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LADIES! Will anyone who has any old Nylons or Tights, please bring them to the next Guild Meeting...Thankyou!.....E. Starkie.

THE AUGUST COURSE: "THE BIBLE"

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

There is a great deal of mystery in people's minds about the Bible. Some of it is quite right and proper, for the Bible is so profound a Book that no one ought to claim that he completely understands it; anyone who claims to tell you exactly what the Bible says and means - to have the whole Biblical message tied up in a pardel - is talking nonsense. In many ways the meaning of the Bible still eludes the deepest thinkers. And to others, it has a label attached: 'Sacred - do not investigate too closely.'

In this series we are going to strip the label off and look at the Bible as it really is. The result will be, not that we discard it as a collection of questionable material (as people sometimes fear they will find if they look too closely), but that we treasure it as an infinitely richer, more varied, more authoritative book than we had ever dreamed.

On the 23rd August at Littleborough and the 30th August at Milnrow in morning worship, we will deal with your questions about the Bible. If you have any questions, specific ones on certain passages, or more general ones, please let the minister have them a week in advance of the dates above. We hope that people will co-operate with this opportunity.

FAMILY CHURCH READINGS FOR MILNROW

(with the use of different versions)

August 2nd:	Psalm 23 & 24	Authorised Version
9th	Isaiah 55	New English Bible
16th	Mt. 25: 1-13	Moffatt
23rd	Acts 12: 6-19	New English Bible
30th	Philippians 4: 4-20	J.B. Phillips

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SIDESMEN FOR MORNING WORSHIP

Aug. 2nd	Mr. A. Bruckshaw	Mr. A. Heaton
9th	Mr. L. Whittaker	Mrs. F. Rae
16th	Mr. G. Buckley	Mr. A. Rae
23rd	Counc. J. Harrison	Counc. I. Royle
30th	Mr. H. Mellor	Mr. C. Pearson
Sept. 6th	Mr. J. Collins	Mrs. A. Collins

DEACONS ROTA

	Evening Door Stewards	Vestry Duty
Aug. 2nd	Mrs. A. Wilson Mrs. E. Gillon	Mr. G. Whitworth
9th	Mr. H. Whitehead Mr. K. Hey	Mr. P. Whitehead
16th	Mr. P. Whitehead Mr. B. Clough	Mr. H. Whitehead
23rd	Mrs. A. Whitworth Mrs. N. Settle	Miss M. Wood
30th	Miss M. Wood Mrs. E. Starkie	Mrs. A. Wilson
Sept. 6th	No EVENING SERVICE	

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

Aug. 2nd	Mrs. H. Whitehead	Mrs. Greenhalgh
9th	Mrs. Graham	Mrs. Melvin
16th	Mrs. A. Roberts	Mrs. Cudworth
23rd	Mrs. Busill	Miss I. Tither
30th	Mrs. Prestwich	Mrs. Kay
Sept. 6th	Mrs. H. Buckley	Mrs. E. Smith

COMMUNION ROTA

Aug. 2nd	Mr. B. Clough	Miss M. Wood
Sept. 6th	Mr. A. Roberts	Mr. J. Emmott (A.M.)

PLEASE NOTE OUR MINISTER WILL BE ON HOLIDAY
AUGUST 10th - 16th

August

Sun. 2nd	11.0 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins
	6.0 pm.	" (Communion)
Tues.4th	7.30 pm.	Ladies Guild (Rev.G. Jenkins)
Wed. 5th	7.30 pm.	Deacons Meeting
Sun. 9th	11.00 am.	Dr.J. Reade PH.D.
	6.00 pm.	Mr. A.E. Whitmore
Sun.16th	11.00 am.	Rev. J. Barry Hawksworth
	6.00 pm.	"
Wed.19th	8.00 pm.	Coffee Evening & Oberammergau sl by Mr. & Mrs. R. Gillon (see pa
Thur 20th	7.30 pm.	Choir Practice
Sun.23rd	11.00 am.	Mr. T.L. Baxter
	6.00 pm.	Rev. G. Jenkins
Wed.26th	8.00 pm.	Church Meeting
Thur 27th	7.30 pm.	Choir Practice
Sun.30th	11.00 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins
	6.00 pm.	"

September

Tues 1st	7.00 pm.	Manse "AT HOME" (see page 13)
Sun. 6th	11.00am.	Rev. G. Jenkins (Family Communi NO EVENING SERVICE

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

August 2nd	Mrs. N. Settle	&	Mrs. J. Harrison
9th	Mrs. McDermott	&	Mrs. C. Wilkinson
16th	Mrs. R. Wolfenden	&	Mrs. P. Staff
23rd	Mrs. R. Sandham		
30th	Mrs. M. Millington		

OFFERTORIES

May 3rd	£17.	10.	5	June 7th	£18.	15.	
10th	£16.	5.	3	14th	£19.	14.	
17th	£15.	10.	1	21st	£14.	14.	
24th	£21.	1.	9				
31st	£17.	16.	11				

August

Sun.	2nd	10.30 am.	Mr. R. Birtwistle (Ramsbottom)
Tues.	4th	7.30 pm.	Ladies Guild (Birthday Supper)
Fri.	7th	6.30 - 8.0 pm.	Pilots
Sun	9th	10.30 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins
		6.00 pm.	" (Communion)
Wed.	12th	6.30 pm.	Evening Meal at Lakeside Restaurant
Fri.	14th	6.30 - 8.0 pm.	Pilots
Sun.	16th	10.30 am.	Mr. P. Whitehead
Tues.	18th	7.30 pm.	Coffee Evening
Fri.	21st	6.30 - 8.0 pm.	Pilots
Sun.	23rd	10.30 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins
Fri.	28th	6.30 - 8.0 pm.	Pilots
Sun.	30th	10.30 am.	Mrs. E. Gillon

September

Tues.	1st	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Guild
Fri.	4th	6.30 - 8.0 pm.	Pilots
Sun.	6th	CHURCH CLOSED	
Sun.	13th	10.30 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

August 2nd	Mrs. Marvelly
9th	Mrs. M. Leach
16th	Mrs. K. Hill
23rd	Mrs. C. Hill
30th	
Sept. 6th	Church Closed
13th	Mrs. Greenwood

OFFERTORIES

May	24th	£8. 9. 0	
	31st	£11. 9. 0	
June	7th	£ 6. 14. 0	
	14th	£21. 1. 0	(Young People's Services)
	21st)	Closed	
	28th)		
July	5th	£14. 15. 6	
	12th	£13. 8. 6	

CHURCH DUTIES - LITTLEBOROUGH

SIDESMEN

Aug.	2nd	Mr. J. Nairn	Mr. Beattie
	9th	Mr. Mellor	Mr. Barker 10.30 am.
		Mr. A. Booth	Mr. E. Holr 6.00 pm.
	16th	Mr. Brown	Mr. H. Hill
	23rd	Mr. J. Holt	Mr. Ingham
	30th	Mr. Barker	Mr. Nairn
Sept.	6th	Church Closed	
	13th	Mr. Beattie	Mr. Mellor

DEACONS COMMUNION ROTA

Aug.	9th	Mrs. Beattie	Mr. J. Holt
Sept.	27th	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Brown

CRECHE ROTA

Aug.	2nd	Aileen Radcliffe	Pat Schofield
	9th	Stella Moss	Brenda Leach
	16th	Margery Holt	Barbara Griffiths
	23rd	Dorothy Hallinson	Beryl Hartley
	30th	Pamela Stephenson	Aileen Radcliffe
Sept.	6th	CHURCH CLOSED	
	13th	Stella Moss	Brenda Leach
	20th	Margery Holt	Barbara Griffiths

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FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

Aug.	2nd	"Our Creator" Psalm 100	Elizabeth Leach
	9th	"Who Cares for Us" Psalm 23	Mrs. B. Hartley
	16th	"Who Requires Peace & Justice" Micah 4: v.1 -8	Mrs. Lightfoot
	23rd	"Whose Love Jesus Depicts" St.Matt. 6: v.25-33	Martin Law
	30th	"Who is With Us Always" Phil. 4: v.4-9	Steven Moss
Sept.	6th	CHURCH CLOSED	
	13th	"The Wonders of Creation" Psalm 104: v.10-25	Mrs. K. Hill

BEQUEST

The Deacons and members of Littleborough Congregational Church are pleased to announce a bequest of £300 to the Church from the late Mr. Arthur Simpson, in memory of his wife Clarice. Mr. Simpson, who was a kind friend and attender at the church, passed away on 21st April, 1970. The gift will go a long way to alleviate the present financial hardship of the church.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUNDAY

It was "all go" at Littleborough on Sunday 14th June.

-- Three babies were baptised.

-- The Pilots received their badges.

-- The Junior Church Choir sang the anthem "Lord of the Dance."

-- Certificates & Prizes were awarded to the following for their work in the scripture exam.:-

Junior Division "A"	
Sally Lee	Honours 1st Prize
Pat Walls	" 2nd "
Wendy Law	" 2nd "
Lindsay Merrick	" 3rd "
Beverley Merrick	1st Class Cerificate
Janet Leach	" " "
Glyn Simpson	" " "
Junior Division "B"	
Beverley Allison	Honours 1st Prize
Martin Law	" 2nd "
Elizabeth Leach	" 3rd "
Timothy Lee	1st Class Certificate
Carl Mallinson	" " "
Janice Greenwood	2nd " "
Stuart Hartley	" " "
Senior Division "A"	
Esther Bennett	2nd Class Certificate
Dean Allison	1st " "
Mark Woodhall	1st " "
Senior Divison "B"	
Steven Moss	1st Class Certificate

Congratulations to all - especially Beverley Allison who got 100%

A REIGHT GOOD LAUGH

Everybody 'fair enjoyed theirselves' at the Ladies Guild meeting in June when Mrs. Martha Lord gave a programme of humourous Lancashire dialect poems and stories. Mrs. Lord is well known in Littleborough, and is a member of the Edwin Waugh Society. Mrs. C. Hill thanked her warmly for a most entertaining evening. Mrs. Stott played the piano and the refreshments were served by Mrs. Crossley and Mrs. Greenwood.

By the time this issue comes out the Ladies should have had another meeting at which they entertained and heard Councillor Austin Colligan, the Chairman of Littleborough U.D.C.

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COMING SHORTLY*********

Harvest Festivals:

LITTLEBOROUGH - 27th September

MILNROW - 20th September

C.C.W.M.

An extract from the report of a Missionary at the last C.C.W.M. Board.....

In an Indian village one of our Missionary nurses found almost every house had at least one smallpox patient and two children had died. The people believe that no medicine should be given until the fever passes, and during this time the patient is not given a bath as water would spread the disease. At least two children's eyes were affected and they had lost their sight. They were a pathetic sight. Another patient was brought to me and it was hard to believe that the skeleton was two years old. It was heartbreaking to hear that this family had lost three children some time ago from fever and another one from smallpox only a few days ago. A six year old daughter was still suffering from smallpox and this two year old from malnutrition. What to do? The Government keeps urging people to limit their families to 2 or 3 at the most, and family planning notices are seen everywhere - in the cinema, on hoardings, on buses, in the newspapers and even on stamps. Sterilization operations on men and women are performed in most hospitals and the Government pays patients who come for this. In some places they are now advertising that they will give a transistor radio to those who come forward, so this modern status symbol may be a draw to many.

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THINK ABOUT IT!

You know decimal currency is coming but, without looking it up.....

1. When is D-Day?
2. On the 50p what does Brittania have in her left hand?
3. Which coin will have an inscription in Welsh?
4. Which coin will have a portcullis on it?
5. What is the lowest amount at which the old and new currencies are exactly interchangable?

Last Months "Think about it"

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You can have another month now to guess why.

Remember the clue.... "This would have been an easy puzzle throughout most of the 1960s"

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